

Sent: Tuesday, August 07, 2007 6:21 PM  
To: avoegele@town.colchester.vt.us  
Subject: Rossetti Natural Area

Dear Al,  
Like many residents, I'm thrilled to be able to enjoy the beach at the Rossetti Natural Area, which I've visited twice over the past few weeks. The parking lot is great, the walking path is fabulous, and we had a great day enjoying the beach itself.

I'm writing to you today to express concern over the proximity of motor boats to swimmers . As you know, Thayer's Beach has long been a haven for power boats of all sizes, with both inboard and outboard motors. During my visits to the beach I was surprised and concerned to see boats under power within a few feet of kids swimming - all just 10 or 20 yards off shore.

Whereas I thought there were maritime laws governing acceptable distances between power boats and swimmers/swimming areas, it occurred to me that the area isn't designated specifically as a swimming area (as is the case at many town beaches, where such areas are clearly demarcated with floats or buoys). I realize boats prefer to throw out anchors in shallow water, but I hoped there may be a way to mark off even a small swimming section to prevent accidents.

Perhaps this issue does not fall under your jurisdiction; if this is the case please feel free to forward my e-mail to the correct person(s). I hope that swimmers and boaters can safely coexist at this wonderful spot.

Thanks,

Jane Bryan  
Middle Rd.

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From: Al Voegele  
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2007 8:35 AM  
To: 'Jane A Bryan'  
Cc: Brian McNeil; 'Dick Paquette'; 'Edward Ploof Jr. ; 'Marc Landry; 'Roger Derby  
Subject: RE: Rossetti Natural Area

Dear Jane: Thank you for your note. In establishing foot access to Thayer Beach, the Town anticipated that it would be challenging the past practices of beach use. We decided early on to slowly work with all the people, (so to speak) new and old, to insure harmony and understanding by all of the changes necessary to integrate a new use of the beach and Natural area. In monitoring the park, we became aware of the conflict between boaters and swimmers. In response we have ordered the necessary equipment to install a designated swim area. In talking with our Recreation Department is morning, I was told not all the parts (anchors, buoys, chains, rope, and floatation devices) have been received. Once they are our Marine Police Patrol and

**Recreation personnel will establish a designated swim area which by law will require boaters to stay 100 feet away. We will enforce that safety zone by Marine Patrol, Police and Recreation personnel.**

**Cordially,  
Al**

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